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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of two months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of March 1, 2000 to August 1, 2000.

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